

They're calling it Detour City for real

Residents and tourists are calling Boyne City the Detour Capital of northern Michigan more and more each day as the continuing construction causes delays in getting from one side of town to another.

Besides the reconstruction work being done on M-75, the city has also started the completion phase of the North Lake Street project by tearing up the street in front of United Technologies and Allied Signal in order to install storm sewer lines. That work is expected to be completed sometime in August, city officials said.

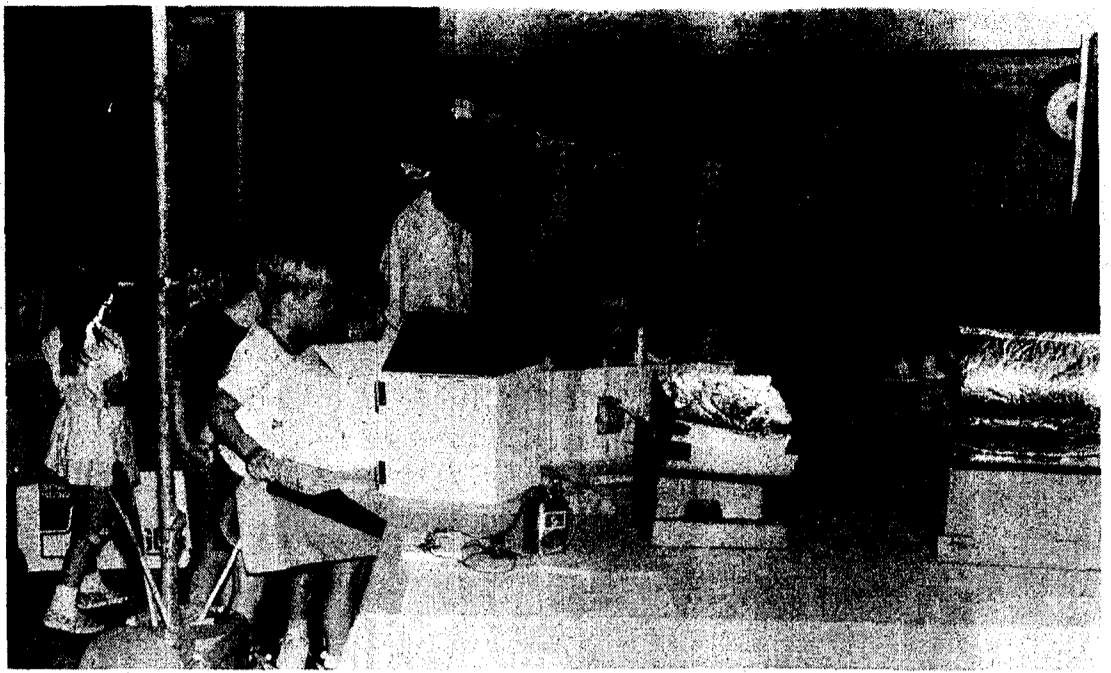
But the real tie-ups will start when the reconstruction of the Park Street Bridge gets underway next week. That street will be

closed between Water and River until the middle of August.

City officials are hoping that the East Street and Water Street interchange will be open for next week. They were told the street will be open, weather permitting, with a gravel base through the intersection.

In the meantime, perhaps the best way to get from one side of town to the other is to follow the detour which brings traffic in from M-75 south on the east side of town to Division Street and then to Lake Street to the downtown area.

On North Lake, officials are saying that the street will not be tied up for more than a few moments as the workmen continue to repair the infrastructure.



Students from the Boyne City Elementary School had a chance to look over their's and other displays at the

annual Spring Fair which included all of the classes within the school system which was held last week.

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New car wash, salon expansion okayed by BC

Boyne City will be getting a new car wash and will see the expansion of a hair salon that will become a new location for the Self Indulgence Salon this winter after the Boyne City Planning Board approved site plans for both petitioners.

The two site plans were the first the city has seen that covered all of the questions necessary for approval said Randy Frykberg, City Manager. Because of the completeness of the site plans, the planning body had few questions to ask and the approvals went through quickly.

The new car wash will become a part of the property owned by R & D Associates of Bay City who also own the Boyne City Food Mart or commonly referred to as the Shell station on M-75.

They propose building a three bay, 55 foot by 22 foot building on property behind the Shell station for the self serve car wash. Construction they said will start soon

according to Eric David who will be managing the car wash operation as well as the Shell station.

The expansion of the hair salon will start in August according to Michael Sehr and Gary Deters. The two will be buying the property and will be adding a 504 square foot addition to the building to make it 1,568 square feet in size. They will be adding another work station on the insides for an additional beautician and will continue to offer the same specialties as the present Hair Unlimited salon.

The planners quickly moved through their agenda noting an amendment to Petoskey's ordinances that would limit or prohibit hazardous structures and dilapidated buildings within that community.

Planners have thought about such an ordinance for Boyne City but took no action at Monday evenings meeting.

About 15-20 expected to compete for Boyne team

Boyne Falls to pay part of football costs to Boyne City for BF players on team

About 15 to 20 football players from Boyne Falls are expected to be participating with the Boyne City football team, Joel Raddatz, principal of Boyne Falls school told the Boyne Falls Board of Education Monday as the board discussed the costs of letting Loggers come to play with the Ramblers.

The costs for football players will be based upon a figure worked out between Raddatz and Boyne

City Athletic Director John McGeorge through a series of meetings held over the past few months. Raddatz told the board it would cost \$150 per player for his share in equipment costs, which the board decided they would be paying to give the students another option for sports that are currently not available at the school.

Students themselves, if they want to play football, will have to

purchase their own insurance though, as the school elected not to pay for that portion of the costs. Raddatz figures that will be about \$70 per student for the season.

The board first heard the cost estimates in a review of some budget matters the board and administration are considering and elected to have the students pay for their own insurance after learning of the costs.

Boyne City students are all in-

sure whether they play sports or not, according to Raddatz, so he said he shopped around to get insurance costs at a reasonable price for those wishing to participate. He said Boyne City asked that all students participating in sports be insured.

The school and Boyne City last month decided to try to work out a combined sports program in football and volleyball after finding out

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Parade, Memorial Day plans set

Preparations are set, schedules have been distributed and the members of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Veterans of Vietnam Association are ready for their annual trek to area cemeteries and the march up South Lake Street to the Memorial Site at Veteran's Memorial Park this coming Memorial Day, May 27.

The vets will be meeting at 7 a.m. to begin the trips to visit cemeteries in Boyne Falls, Wallon Lake, Evangeline Township, Advance, Wilson Township and at Maple Lawn Cemeteries to fire a salute of remembrance for those who gave their lives for our country.

At about 10 a.m. they will then form up at the American Legion Hall for the annual parade to the park where they will be holding services at the Memorial Site.

This year, the vets want to emphasize the job our troops have done and will continue to do to ensure the safety of Americans throughout the world.

They also want Americans here in this area to respect the flag and remember those who have passed on in the service to the country as the parade passes by.

Spectators should remember flag etiquette and remove their hats and salute the flag by placing their hands over their hearts or giving military salute when the flag passes.

At the park, the veterans will hear from the Boyne City High School band, an invocation by Rev. Lane Eddy of the Free Methodist Church and an address by Presbyterian Church Minister Milton Walls.

The vets will also recognize the members of the three groups, place wreaths and hold a gun salute by the American Legion Drill squad.

To end the ceremony, members of the Boyne City High School band will be playing taps as the nation, and Boyne City remembers and recognizes the past.

EJ middle schoolers to party hardy thanks to EJPAC parents

This Friday night, East Jordan middle school students won't be tying up phone lines looking for something to do. Co-sponsoring an open activities night, the East Jordan Parent for Alternative Choices (EJPAC) and Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) strive to "show the students they can do a lot of things and not have drugs and alcohol there," Gary Ciszewski, EJPAC member said.

The activity night will be held in the East Jordan High School and

will give the kids choices of activities. The pool and gym will be open, dancing in the auditorium with music provided by a hired disk jockey and concessions in the cafeteria. The activities night will be open from 6-9 p.m. and will be shapored by teachers, parents and EJPAC members.

This will be the third event of its kind. Troy Dunson, a seventh grader who has attended every EJPAC night this year said, "It's

better than just having the kids spend the night. We could swim, play basketball or dance."

The student participation has included the majority of the middle school. "The smallest one was 150 out of 230 kids," Middle School Principal Jeff La Roux said.

Not only do the middle schoolers enjoy the event, but "the teachers have recognized that our students need to socialize in a laid back atmosphere," La Roux said.

News Briefs

The Booster Club of the Boyne City Schools will be sponsoring its' annual Memorial Day breakfast Monday, May 27th from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Boyne City High School cafeteria. This is an All-You-Can-Eat affair with tickets available at the door.

Because of Memorial Day Monday, the deadlines for articles and items to appear in next weeks' newspaper will be Friday May 24th at 5 p.m. Advertisement deadlines will be at the same time.

Charlevoix County will have their monthly food distribution May 29th beginning at 9 am. Most sites close about 11 am or when the food is distributed. This month, recipients will be getting double raisins, butter, pork and flour. The sites in Charlevoix County are the Community Services building on Park Street in Boyne City, the Civic Center in East Jordan and the V.F.W. Hall in Charlevoix.

If you are planning a vacation trip in Michigan, the Michigan Travel Bureau has printed a booklet that provides information about state attractions. Copies can be ordered free of charge by calling 1-800-5432-YES.

East Jordan will be holding a blood drive to gather blood for the American Red Cross at the Lutheran Church from 1 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. June 3rd.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff, George Lasater is again warning against questionable solicitations from organizations representing law enforcement agencies within the county. He said they get a call a week from business people who have been contacted by someone over the phone asking for advertising or a donation for some law enforcement publication. He suggests a good policy to follow is not to get involved with law enforcement telephone solicitations as they are usually of no benefit to local law enforcement agencies.



Boyne City Little League officials dedicated their new scoreboard at the major league field to Jack LaForest last Wednesday. He has served as a little league volunteer for 30 years, helping to obtain the first charter and build the field. Officials presented a picture to LaForest to Mrs. Barbara Munich and Mrs. Ruthann Schwartzfisher, sisters to LaForest, by board members Ray

Zavecky, Dave Seeley, sisters Schwartzfisher and Munich, Kirk Kujawski and Dave Fiel. Beane Archy, president of the league presided over the ceremony. The picture was donated by Valentine Studios and the ceremony included major league teams saying the little league pledge and singing the national anthem before the first game of the season.

Opinions

Let's remember & give thanks

This weekend, northern Michigan will come alive for a few days as tourists appear, vacation home owners come up to open summer homes, boaters will want to get into and on the water and all of the many other activities, including late mushroomers coming to the area.

But one item, which will happen on Monday, should have more interest from the many tourists, vacationers and party animals than it will or does.

Our recognition of those who paid the supreme sacrifice so that many of us can afford to party and have fun.

That is what Boyne City's Veterans will be doing as they will be parading to honor those from this area who gave their lives just so we can keep ours.

Sure, perhaps several hundred throughout the nation will waste theirs in some driving accident, but those who died for the rights of the country should have a higher plane in our hearts than those who passed on because of traffic or some other accident.

All loss of life is precious, although those who served know how precious it is. When you are in a firefight, with an unseen enemy, you realize how precious life is and should be.

That is why we should honor those veterans who gave their lives for the country whether they were part of the nations' worst war for casualties, the Civil War, or our last, Desert Storm.

Where ever our men and women have served, we should be proud of them and tell them thanks for protecting our way of life, and our freedoms.

Remembrances



Ed and Eunice Genson remember the day back in 1973 when the elms were dying of dutch elm's disease and they went out picking morel mushrooms which were in abundance that year. The two picked this sample in a few minutes, according to the owners of the photograph. Mushrooms this year were not as prevalent, but were out and mushroom hunters are still finding a good amount of them in area woodlands.

Jottings

WITH JIM SILBAR

Letters

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Bang, bang, bang, I was firing as fast as I could aim but the guy standing along side of me kept say "Faster, faster, empty out that clip."

The guy happened to be a person I want to remain on the friendly of as he is Boyne City's new Police Chief, Randy Howard.

But, that is only part of the story.

It all started when one evening I heard gunfire while I was working outside the house and that started my curiosity as far as where the shooting was going on.

Now I knew the city has a police firing range somewhere near the city's lagoons, but I did not know which way they were facing or which direction the shots were being fired.

So the next day, I happened to be at City Hall and I asked which way, but no one knew exactly and referred me to the chief.

Anyway, I went back to the office to start doing some of the other work on the schedule when much to my surprise, a police car arrived at the door and Howard got out of the car.

Now all kinds of thoughts went through my mind as he was walking in. Did I get caught for speeding? Like going 32 in a 25 mile zone? Or did I say something wrong in the paper and he was coming in to chew me out? Or was he being a process server serving me a paper that said I am being sued for zillions of dollars?

No, he came in to ask me to come along with him for a few moments as he wanted to make sure I knew where the range is located and what it was used for by the officers.

So he made me jump into his car and go with him back to the office where he proceeded to load up a couple of clips for the new weapons the officers purchased. Those weapons are the newest thing police officers are using in their attempt to keep up with the criminals.

The State Police changed over to new weapons recently, and now the local departments are doing the same thing.

The weapon the Boyne Depart-

ment is using is a nine millimeter, semi-automatic handgun made by the Glock Company of Austria.

Anyway, we drove out to the range which is located by the city lagoons, a place where I had never visited so I got to see two things about the city I did not know.

The range is set below a lagoon, facing north east with a large bunker of dirt piled up behind the shooting line.

After explaining to me about the weapon, he loaded it up and handed it over to me.

Now, I must explain that I don't own a gun, rifle, or anything that makes a loud bang, and it has been years since my military career where I had to shoot a rifle.

Anyway, we were standing at

about the five yard line of the range and he told me where to shoot on the target. He said that if I were a police officer, most of the time they have to shoot a weapon is at about that range.

So I pulled the trigger and surprised myself that I even hit the target, dead on.

After a few more shots was when he started to tell me to shoot faster.

So I did, emptied out the rest of the 19 shot clip and continued to hit the target in the area he wanted me to aim at.

Surprised myself totally.

But then I thought, I am not very far away from the target.

Then he took me back to the next shooting station where he

told me to aim for a different part of the paper target of a man aiming a gun right at my head.

He calmly fired off three quick shots, bang, bang, bang, and they were all in a row about a half an inch apart.

Then I shot, almost as fast as I could. Needless to say, my shots, using his weapon, were all over the place, but still on and in the target area.

After we were done shooting, I wondered about whether or not I could fall in love with a slick weapon like that.

But, I don't think I would ever find time to fire it, and to me, a weapon is only good for one thing, and I don't ever hope to have to use one for that.

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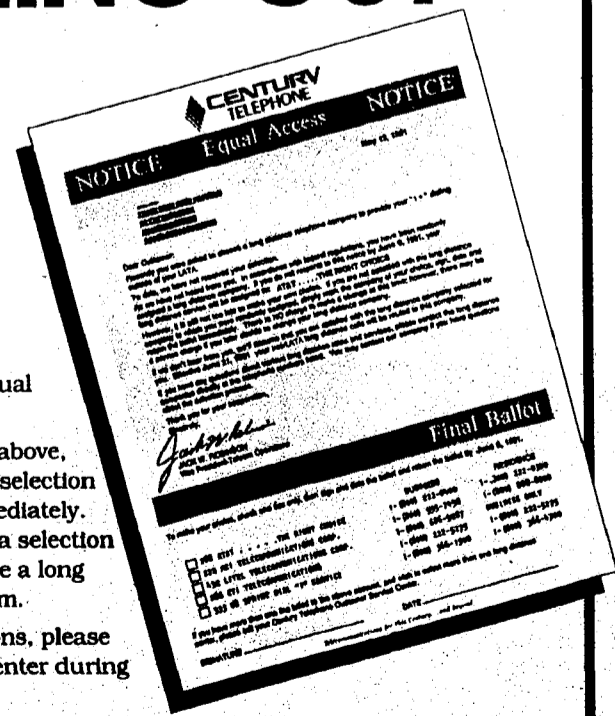
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Summer kicks off this weekend says AAA

Early indications point to ringing cash registers again this year as Michigan kicks into summer with the Memorial Day Holiday.

AAA Michigan will monitor state travel trends amid signs that the record-spending levels of the last two years will be matched. This translates into \$10 billion worth of tourism revenue during the summer months and \$16.5 billion for the year.

"Even with a weakened economy, we're seeing signs people are planning to travel this summer," said Peter Erickson, AAA Michigan Club Services director. "Travelers will be staying closer to home and that's good for Michigan, since we offer something for everyone: 19 million forested acres, 90,000 campsites, 11,000 lakes, 750 public golf courses, 378 beaches and 87 harbors."

Among key reasons why Michigan tourism could again be strong this summer:

1. AAA Michigan Triptik routing requests are up 4 percent so far this year, with Mackinac Island, Northwest Michigan and the Upper Peninsula leading the way.

2. Motorists are expected to log 920 million miles—the same as last year's record—on state roads during the Memorial Day holiday weekend, which starts at 6 p.m. Friday, May 24, and ends at midnight Monday, May 27.

3. Tourist attractions are expanding and offering special programs to lure visitors.

For example, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth will double its space when a \$4.5-million addition opens June 1. Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad in Flint has added an antique Ferris wheel. Greenfield Village in Dearborn will debut its African-American Family Life and Culture Project in August.

4. The weather should be better. Last year, only four of 15 weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day were free of rain in Southeast Michigan.

5. Gasoline prices are only 9 cents higher per gallon than last year's Memorial Day Holiday. AAA Michigan's "Fuel Gauge" survey shows the average price for a gallon of regular self-serve unleaded gasoline sells for about \$1.19 along Michigan's major travel routes. Prices during the Middle East crisis reached almost \$1.40 a gallon.

Golf scores

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A. VanDusen	18 1/2
D. Toffolo	
M. Laurie	18
T. VanAlstine	
J. Wright	18
B. Higgins	
R. Rensud	16
H. Watson	
M. Ameel	15 1/2
B. Starback	
K. Mueller	15
J. Fallot	
R. Looze	15
T. Evans	
J. Clark	15
N. Weeks	
D. Clark	14
B. D'Aigle	
T. Nowakowski	13 1/2
H. Ahlborn	
B. Bobowski	12 1/2
D. Farrand	
J. Stackus	12
A. Barden	
R. Grogan	12
A. Kapanowski	
R. Janisse	12
L. Kowalske	
M. Cummings	12
J. Goebels	
M. Case	11 1/2
T. Penny	
D. Peck	10 1/2
R. Towne	
V. Ayers	10
E. Robinson	
J. McDonald	10
J. Hodge	
S. Sanders	8 1/2
D. Hewitt	
J. Bunting	8 1/2
D. Kleinschrodt	
C. Pollock	8 1/2
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Let us never forget their courageous sacrifice.

Today we pay homage to those who gave their lives so that America would remain the land of the free.

Our men in the armed forces are not alone.

Let us all join in the effort to keep America strong, proud and free. Let us never forget the spirit of the flag which bore the legend, "Don't Tread On Me."

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Reg Sharkey's Northern Journal

Our Soaring Aces

It looks like the eagles in Emmet County are going to be successful again this year.

The oldsters were successful last year after a failure in the previous year.

This year, luckily, they moved back to a more remote nest that didn't produce a couple of years ago for some unknown reason.

In their present nesting area they will not be annoyed by a large development that includes an inland marina, golf course, and, of course warren type hatches called condominiums.

I did photograph the youngsters last year just before they fledged, and I do thank the developers for that privilege.

I only hope that people will not bother the family colony. Although I received permission to post the land around the nesting site I know that some people ignored the signs. In fact I saw pictures displayed in a 1-hour developing shop that looked like the nest and a hovering eagle.

Why oh why can't people keep off posted land unless they have written permission to do so—and respect the privacy required by the nesting birds?

Surely a steady stream of gapers annoying the oldsters in their effort to feed the every-hungry eaglets should be discouraged. In fact there is a law protecting wild birds, especially eagles, from harassment.

And the eagle count this last winter was down from the previous year. That's according

to the DNR citizen's count made in January. An easier winter last year probably accounted for the larger count, with the baldies staying in the northern counties instead of moving southward.

And Michigan in the near future may once more have a population of trumpeter swans.

Ten Alaskan trumpeters were released in the Seny National Wildlife Refuge in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

There have been previous releases, and I was fortunate enough to spot one on the melting ice adjacent to open water on Pickeral Lake, Emmet County, a couple of springs ago. The yellow, numbered collar indicated that it had been released from a southern Michigan site. Reporting sightings of these colored swans is encouraged by the Department of Natural Resources.

According to a recent DNR news release major funding for this program has come from citizens contributions "next to the loon" on the Michigan tax form.

Once hunted to near extinction this largest of all water birds, with their old-fashioned taxicab honking, may, in the near future, once again become part of Michigan's fauna.

And the turkey vultures (alias buzzards) are back in force. Ten of the red-headed scavengers were soaring over our homestead looking for chow the other afternoon.

If they were looking for dead meat, I'm too skinny to do them much good.



This soaring eagle was sighted by Sharkey as he took a look to see what kind of activity was going on at a remote nesting site for the big bird. While he was returning from the nest, a flock of 11 turkey vultures flew over his head, just in time to get a quick snapshot. Sharkey is always alert to happenings in the wild, and has the patience to wait and see.



Reading programs all set for summer in BC and EJ

BY JANENNE FROATS
Reading is what Boyne City Summer Reading Program Director Dava Maat refers to as a "life skill." According to Maat, most people don't consider themselves reading unless they sit down to read a book. She says you should think of the importance of reading road signs, mail and even the simplest things like recipes.

The importance of this skill is once again stressed in Boyne City and East Jordan as the city libraries prepare to launch their summer reading programs. The programs are designed to "encourage the kids to continue reading over the summer," Maat said.

Maat has headed the Boyne City program for four years with children from first to fourth grade. This hasn't appeared to limit student participation. "The response has been excellent," Maat said.

Because of popularity of the program, Maat has been forced to limit her two classes to 35 students. Both sessions will meet on Wednesday, beginning at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. with each class lasting an hour.

This year's theme in Boyne City is "Read on the Wild Side" and will be focusing on studying an endless spectrum of animals that include ancient, friendly, Michigan, pretend, vanishing and zoo animals.

Last year Maat noted that the 70 students read over 750 books during the six week program. The

students may choose from a wide range of books, but they are asked to read at least one from the program theme.

Other than the students reading books the program also includes activities such as: reading to family members, group discussions of what the students have read and evaluation of why they like the book.

The East Jordan system, sponsored by the Jordan Valley District Library, differs in theme and age groups. Program Director Dawn Pringle feels it is important to educate her participants to the "Save the Earth" project. "Recycling has now come into our area and I think this will help educate people."

While beginning to head off her first year in the program, Pringle will be teaching students from kindergarten to high school. The range of ages has been divided in three categories for the 11 a.m. activities: Tuesdays, 6-13 year olds, Wednesdays, 14-18 year olds and Fridays 3-5 year olds. The activities will center on ways the students can conserve the earth's resources.

Both programs will operate on a student honor system. Each participant will be given a booklet to keep track of what titles and authors of the books they have read.

Though different in some respects, the goal of the programs is to show the students that they, "can still have fun while they learn," Pringle said.

MSU honors students

Eighty-six Michigan State University freshman were "tapped" into the distinguished honor society, Tower Guard, in traditional May Morning Sing ceremonies at MSU.

Unsuspecting initiates were awakened at 7 a.m. May 3 and lured to MSU's Beaumont Tower where family, friends and current members waited to honor them in the annual induction ceremony. They were first selected by a secret process and notified of their acceptance with the "kidnapping."

Tower Guard, a service honorary established in 1935, selects MSU freshman on the basis of high academic achievement, character and willingness to serve. The honor society's main activity is reading to blind students at MSU.

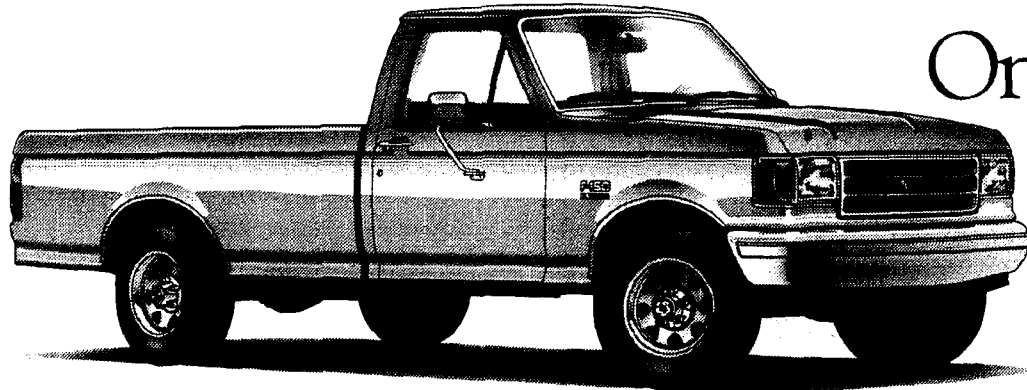
Inductee from Boyne City was David Vance, who is studying Business Administration/Prelaw. David's parents are Dana and Larry Vance of 02150 Boyne City Road, Boyne City.

Opera House presents Budget-Cut Ball

The Cheboygan Opera House is preparing for an evening of old-fashioned "river-boat" style fun and games. A lively fund-raiser entitled "The Budget-Cut Ball" will be held at The Opera House from 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, 1991. The purpose of the party is to raise some of the money that has been lost by recent cuts in the state budget, thus our theme: "The South had Lee, but we've lost our grant!" Music will be provided by the Bill Grew Trio with vocals by Michelle Peters and Cindy Plaunt. Admission to the gala is \$10, which entitles each person to refreshments, dancing, entertainment and a raffle ticket for a chance on the grand prize.

The party atmosphere will be that of a showboat with games of chance and lots of prizes, so leave your life jacket at home and bring your money belt! Help save our sinking ship! A raffle will also be held with a drawing at 11:00 p.m. for the evening's grand prize: a trip for two to New Orleans with a 4-day Mississippi River cruise on the Delta Queen. Raffle tickets and admission tickets may be purchased in advance from Shanty Boy gifts, the Chamber of Commerce and Leonall Drugs. Join us for a delightful evening of fun and entertainment and support your Opera House. All proceeds will go to the Opera House general fund.

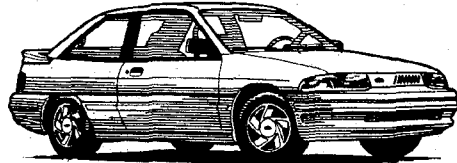
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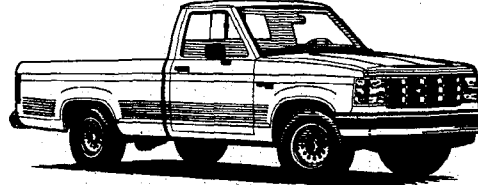
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